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**LEADER OF BALTIMORE DRUG CONSPIRACY SENTENCED TO 21 YEARS FOR
DISTRIBUTION OF OVER 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced Lamar Prilliman, age 31, of Baltimore, today to 21 years in prison, followed by five years of supervised release for conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to his plea agreement, from 1999 to 2006 Prilliman directed drug users to sell cocaine base in the area of the 1800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, the 1600 block of Druid Hill Avenue and 500 block of Wilson Street in Baltimore. Prilliman or one of his street lieutenants would oversee the daily operation of the street level distribution, and Prilliman collected the proceeds at the end of the day's distribution. As a result of this scheme, Prilliman and his co-conspirators distributed over 1.5 kilograms of cocaine base.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy and Assistant State's Attorneys Brian Fish and Marc Cohen, the Baltimore City Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorneys James Wallner and Gregory Welsh, who are prosecuting the case.